

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 4, 12, 17 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. Claims 1-10 and 12-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the Vinciarelli patent. Claims 12-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the Stevens patent. Claim 11 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim, but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 17 and 22 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the § 112 rejection. Claims 18-21 were indicated to be allowable.

Applicant has amended Claim 1 to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. In addition, all of the subject matter of objected to Claim 11 has been incorporated into Claim 1. Thus, it is submitted that independent Claim 1, as well as its dependent Claims 2-10, are allowable.

Claim 4 has been amended to overcome the objection under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claim 11 has been cancelled since its subject matter has been incorporated into Claim 1. Claims 12-16 have been cancelled.

Claims 17 and 22 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Thus, it is submitted that Claims 17-22 are now allowable.

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In view of this amendment and remarks, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. An early allowance is solicited.

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